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Basham Announces Child Safety Awareness Event

Free Car Seats and Booster Seats to be Provided to Needy Parents

LANSING- Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor), together with the Michigan State Police Metro South Post, SAFE Kids Coalition, Children's Hospital, AAA of Michigan and State Farm Insurance announced today a child vehicle passenger safety awareness event scheduled for April 29th. The program will be giving away approximately 100 free child safety seats and also providing parents with important information on how to keep their children safe.

"Thousands of youngsters are killed or injured in auto accidents every year," said Sen. Basham. "Properly fitted and installed child safety seats can save children's lives and spare parents from a lifetime of second-guessing and remorse. It's knowledge that every parent should have."

"Children who ride unrestrained are three times more likely to sustain significant injury in a crash when compared with children who are restrained," said State Farm Vice President-Agency Luke Griffin. "We hope this event helps educate parents and caregivers on how to properly restrain their children in vehicles."

The Child Vehicle Passenger Safety Awareness Event will be providing needy parents with a limited supply of car seats and booster seats, donated by the SAFE Kids Coalition, AAA of Michigan and State Farm Insurance. Members of the Michigan State Police Metro South Post will be on hand to demonstrate to parents how to properly fit and install a child safety seat and the Children's Hospital will have medical professionals available to speak to parents and caregivers about the risks associated with the failure to use or properly install child safety seats.

"I appreciate the efforts of Senator Basham and our event partners in providing local parents with the tools they need to keep their kids safe," said Michigan State Police Metro South Post Commander Monica Yesh. "The Metro South Post looks forward to working in conjunction with our partners to improve public safety in southeast Michigan."

The child safety event is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Michigan State Police Metro South Post located at 12111 Telegraph Road in Taylor. For more information regarding this event, parents may contact Senator Basham's office at 517-373-7800 or by email at senrbasham@senate.michigan.gov.

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